

CITY OF CHICOPEE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



STANLEY J. WALCZAK, C.P.R.P.
Superintendent

RICHARD G. MACIOLEK
Assistant Superintendent

Minutes of the regular meeting held on November 24, 2009

Commissioners present were: Vice Chairman Robert Erhardt, Secretary Elizabeth Montemagni and Commissioners Doug Girouard and Nancy Fenton. Chairman Gary Ziemba was absent. Also present was Superintendent Stanley J. Walczak.

Vice Chairman Erhardt called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Montemagni, seconded by Mr. Girouard, to approve the October 27, 2009 minutes as written.

Motion by Ms. Montemagni, seconded by Mr. Girouard, to receive, place on file or take the appropriate action on the following communications.

Communications:

1. Letter from Holyoke Catholic High School.
2. Letter from Tom Rivet, C.H.S. Soccer Coach.
3. Letter from St. Stan's School.

The Commission accepted a donation from Holyoke Catholic School for improvements and maintenance costs associated with Sarah Jane Park and Dana Park.

Motion by Ms. Montemagni, seconded by Ms. Fenton, to approve a request by Chicopee High Soccer team to use Ike Alpert Field on Friday, November 27, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Girouard, seconded by Ms. Montemagni, to approve the Second Annual Run / Walk by St. Stan's School Home and School Association on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Fenton, seconded by Mr. Girouard, to approve the selection of the architectural firm, Bargmann Hendrie and Archetype, Inc. to be awarded the contract for the Gateway Grant which will benefit the Szot Park improvements.

Commissioner Montemagni inquired about the status of the Comp Girls 5th – 6th Suburban team. Assistant Superintendent Richard Maciolek will be asked to prepare a status report on this issue and the Suburban Basketball program in specific relative to rosters, coaches and practice time.

On another subject, the Commission requested copies of the Mens Basketball League roster to review the division set-up and the non-resident status.

Superintendent Walczak submitted a list of capital equipment and projects for the next two fiscal years. Equipment requests include a new pick-up, front end loader, giant vacuum and a trash rear loader. The projects include replacement of the Parks office HVAC units and paving of the Szot Garage accessway.

Superintendent Walczak reported that the Maintenance employees are concentrating on leaf removal in several parks and cemeteries. The Department continues to prepare fields for high school activities. The employees are also involved with the set-up of the Holiday Lighting program for Friday, December 4.

Superintendent Walczak indicated that the Department should rest both Ike Alpert and Sarah Jane Soccer fields to allow turf growth improvements. Fields at either Garrity Grove or Fairview Park will be considered as alternate sites.

The Commission asked that a letter be sent to Gold Star Soccer to remove their soccer goal equipment from Ike Alpert Park since the field will be shut down.

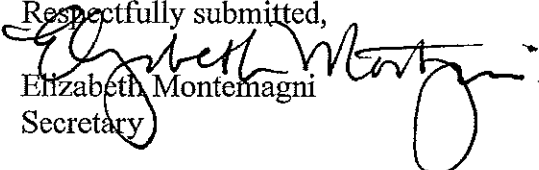
Councilor Tim McLellan has requested two improvements for Williams Park namely moving the entrance gate from Burnett Road to the interior of the park and the building of walk-in steps from Honey Lane. The Commission will review the pros and cons of the proposal and submit a response to the Councilor.

Commissioner Fenton asked about the possibility of youth basketball clinic for teams. Superintendent Walczak will check with Jim Blain about this opportunity.

Motion by Ms. Fenton, seconded by Ms. Montemagni, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission is tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth Montemagni
Secretary

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